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Reference: Year End Report (12/1/95-12/31/95)

Dear Mr. Hackworth:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule A supporting Line 11(a)(i) discloses contributions received through a payroll deduction plan. Generally, a committee's report must identify each contribution from an individual which in the aggregate exceeds \$200 during the calendar year. (2 U.S.C. \$434(b)) For your information, instead of separate itemization, a committee using a payroll deduction plan may disclose the aggregate amount of contributions received from the contributor through the payroll deduction plan during the reporting period; the identification of the individual where the contribution exceeds \$200 in the aggregate during the calendar year; and a statement of the amount deducted per pay period. 11 CFR \$104.8(b)

Any amendment or clarification should be filed with the Federal Election Commission. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,

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Payroll Deductions

Once an individual's deductions aggregate over \$200 in a calendar year, report the total amount deducted from the denor's paychecks during the reporting period on Schedule A. In parentheses indicate the amount that was deducted each pay period. Instead of stating a specific date of receipt, write "payroll deduction" under "Date." The other temized information, including the year-to-date total, must be completed for each donor. 104.8(b).

EXAMPLE: During an election year, a corporate manager authorizes her employer to deduct \$15 per pay period (each pay period is two weeks) for the company's SSF. The SSF, which files FEC reports on a quarterly schedule, includes the manager's first-quarter contributions (\$90 for six pay periods) as "unitemized contributions" on Line 11(a)(ii) in the April quarterly report.

By June 30 (the closing date for the July quarterly report), 13 pay periods have passed, and the manager's aggregate contributions are \$195—still below the \$200 itemization threshold. The manager's second-quarter contributions again are included in funitemized contributions" in the July report.

By September 30 (the closing date for the October quarterly report), 19 pay periods have passed, and the manager's contributions reach \$285. Now the committee itemizes the total contributions received from the manager during the third quarter (\$90), providing the year-to-date total in the appropriate space. (See Item A in the illustration above.)

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